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STATUS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, by its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child and expressed the hope that the Convention would be signed, ratified or acceded to without delay. By its resolution 45/104 of 14 December 1990, the General Assembly called upon all States that have not done so to ratify or accede to the Convention as a matter of priority.

2. By its resolution 1990/74 of 7 March 1990, the Commission on Human Rights, inter alia, called upon all States to consider signing and ratifying or acceding to the Convention on the Rights of the Child; requested the Secretary-General to prepare a report on the status of the Convention for submission to the Commission; and decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled: "Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child".

3. The Convention was opened for signature in New York on 26 January 1990. In accordance with article 49 thereof, the Convention entered into force on 2 September 1990, on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession.

4. As at 21 January 1991, the Convention had received 130 */ signatures, 65 of which had been followed by ratification. In addition, four States had acceded to the Convention, bringing the total of ratifications and accessions to the Convention to 69. */ A list of States that have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention, and the dates of their signature, ratification or accession, appears in the annex to the present report.

5. In accordance with article 43, paragraphs 4 and 5, of the Convention, the first meeting of the States Parties to the Convention has been convened by the Secretary-General for 27 February 1991 at United Nations Headquarters in order to elect from a list of persons having the qualities prescribed in article 43, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

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*/ See the footnote in the annex to this document.

Annex

List of States which have signed, ratified or acceded to the Convention on the Rights of the Child as at 21 January 1990

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession (a)
Aghanistan	27 September 1990	
Albania	26 January 1990	
Algeria	26 January 1990	
Angola	14 February 1990	5 December 1990
Argentina	29 June 1990	4 December 1990
Australia	22 August 1990	17 December 1990
Austria	26 January 1990	
Bahamas	30 October 1990	
Barbados	19 April 1990	9 October 1990
Bangladesh	26 January 1990	3 August 1990
Belgium	26 January 1990	
Belize	2 March 1990	2 May 1990
Benin	25 April 1990	3 August 1990
Bhutan	4 June 1990	1 August 1990
Bolivia	8 March 1990	26 June 1990
Brazil	26 January 1990	24 September 1990
Bulgaria	31 May 1990	
Burkina Faso	26 January 1990	31 August 1990
Burundi	8 May 1990	19 October 1990
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic	26 January 1990	1 October 1990
Cameroon	25 September 1990	
Canada	28 May 1990	
Central African Republic	30 July 1990	
Chad	30 September 1990	2 October 1990
Chile	26 January 1990	13 August 1990
China	29 August 1990	
Colombia	26 January 1990	
Comoros	30 September 1990	
Costa Rica	26 January 1990	21 August 1990
Côte d'Ivoire	26 January 1990	
Cuba	26 January 1990	
Cyprus	5 October 1990	
Czech and Slovak Fed. Rep.	30 September 1990	7 January 1991
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	23 August 1990	21 September 1990
Denmark	26 January 1990	

States	Date of signature	Date or receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession (a)
Djibouti	30 September 1990	6 December 1990
Dominica	26 January 1990	
Dominican Republic	8 August 1990	
Ecuador	26 January 1990	23 March 1990
Egypt	5 February 1990	6 July 1990
El Salvador	26 January 1990	10 July 1990
Finland	26 January 1990	
France	26 January 1990	7 August 1990
Gabon	26 January 1990	
Gambia	5 February 1990	8 August 1990
German Democratic Republic */	7 March 1990	2 October 1990
Germany, Federal Republic of */	26 January 1990	
Ghana	29 January 1990	5 February 1990
Greece	26 January 1990	
Grenada	21 February 1990	5 November 1990
Guatemala	26 January 1990	6 June 1990
Guinea		13 July 1990 (a)
Guinea Bissau	26 January 1990	20 August 1990
Guyana	30 September 1990	14 January 1991
Haiti	26 January 1990	
Holy See	20 April 1990	20 April 1990
Honduras	31 May 1990	10 August 1990
Hungary	14 March 1990	
Iceland	26 January 1990	
Indonesia	26 January 1990	5 September 1990
Ireland	30 September 1990	
Israel	3 July 1990	
Italy	26 January 1990	
Jamaica	26 January 1990	
Japan	21 September 1990	

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*/ By letter of 27 September 1990, the Secretary-General was informed by the Prime Minister of the German Democratic Republic "that the People's Chamber of the German Democratic Republic has declared the accession, as at 3 October 1990, of the German Democratic Republic to the scope of the Basic Law of the Federal Republic of Germany ... so as to unite Germany in a single State." In a letter dated 3 October 1990, the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany informed the Secretary-General "that, through the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany with effect from 3 October 1990, the two German States have united to form one sovereign State ..."

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession (a)
Jordan	29 August 1990	
Kenya	26 January 1990	30 July 1990
Kuwait	7 June 1990	
Lebanon	26 January 1990	
Lesotho	21 August 1990	
Liberia	26 April 1990	
Liechtenstein	30 September 1990	
Luxembourg	21 March 1990	
Madagascar	19 April 1990	
Malawi		2 January 1991 (a)
Maldives	21 August 1990	
Mali	26 January 1990	20 September 1990
Malta	26 January 1990	30 September 1990
Mauritania	26 January 1990	
Mauritius		26 July 1990 (a)
Mexico	26 January 1990	21 September 1990
Mongolia	26 January 1990	5 July 1990
Morocco	26 January 1990	
Mozambique	30 September 1990	
Namibia	26 September 1990	30 September 1990
Nepal	26 January 1990	14 September 1990
Netherlands	26 January 1990	
New Zealand	1 October 1990	
Nicaragua	6 February 1990	5 October 1990
Niger	26 January 1990	30 September 1990
Nigeria	26 January 1990	
Norway	26 January 1990	8 January 1991
Pakistan	20 September 1990	12 November 1990
Panama	26 January 1990	12 December 1990
Papua New Guinea	30 September 1990	
Paraguay	4 April 1990	25 September 1990
Peru	26 January 1990	4 September 1990
Philippines	26 January 1990	21 August 1990
Poland	26 January 1990	
Portugal	26 January 1990	21 September 1990
Republic of Korea	25 September 1990	
Romania	26 January 1990	28 September 1990
Rwanda	26 January 1990	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	26 January 1990	24 July 1990
Saint Lucia	30 September 1990	

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of the instrument of ratification or accession (a)
Samoa	30 September 1990	
Senegal	26 January 1990	31 July 1990
Seychelles		7 September 1990 (a)
Sierra Leone	13 February 1990	18 June 1990
Spain	26 January 1990	6 December 1990
Sri Lanka	26 January 1990	
Sudan	24 July 1990	3 August 1990
Suriname	21 February 1990	
Swaziland	22 August 1990	
Sweden	26 January 1990	29 June 1990
Syrian Arab Republic	18 September 1990	
Togo	26 January 1990	1 August 1990
Trinidad and Tobago	30 September 1990	
Tunisia	26 February 1990	
Turkey	14 September 1990	
Uganda	17 August 1990	17 August 1990
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic	21 February 1990	
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	26 January 1990	16 August 1990
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	19 April 1990	
United Republic of Tanzania	1 June 1990	
Uruguay	26 January 1990	20 November 1990
Vanuatu	30 September 1990	
Venezuela	26 January 1990	13 September 1990
Viet Nam	26 January 1990	28 February 1990
Yemen	13 February 1990	
Yugoslavia	26 January 1990	3 January 1991
Zaire	20 March 1990	27 September 1990
Zambia	30 September 1990	
Zimbabwe	8 March 1990	11 September 1990